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SUBJECT: UNGA--LEGAL COMMITTEE--PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS
AND WEO MEETING

1. AT WEO MEETING EVENING NOV 5, GROUP CONSIDERED PROBLEM RAISED BY "ALL STATES" FORMULA IN DRAFT FINAL ARTICLES FOR CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS (USUN 4396). FRANCE ARGUED POSITION IDENTICAL TO THAT CONTAINED STATE 216640 AND US SUPPORTED. SWEDEN SAID IN VIEW OF ADOPTION "ALL STATES" FORMULA IN THIRD COMMITTEE, IT WOULD ABSTAIN IN SIXTH COMMITTEE. AUSTRIA, WHILE OPPOSING "ALL STATES" FORMULA, ESTIMATED THAT THERE WOULD BE LARGE MAJORITY FOR ITS ADOPTION. FRG, SUPPORTING FRANCE, PREFERRED TRADITIONAL FORMULA AND COULD ACCEPT LOS RESULTS. UK, HOWEVER, THOUGHT MULTIPLE DEPOSITORY SCHEME, RETAINING "ALL STATES" ASPECT, WAS MORE DESIRABLE RESULT. THEY SPECULATED THAT DEPOSITARIES MIGHT BE US, USSR, UK AND MEXICO, WHICH THEY THOUGHT MIGHT BE APPEALING TO CHAIRMAN OF SIXTH COMMITTEE. THEY SUGGESTED THAT IF ITEM CAME UNDER DISCUSSION IN SIXTH COMMITTEE NOV 6, WEO GROUP MEMBERS SUPPORT MULTIPLE DEPOSITORY SOLUTION. WHEN THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS, US SAID WE NOT ABLE TO GIVE

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COMMITMENT TO PREFER MULTIPLE DEPOSITARIES OVER FORMULA

CONTAINED DEPTEL.

2. DELOFF MENTIONED THAT STAVROPOULOS HAD SAID THAT HE SHOULD BE ASKED FORMALLY IN LEGAL COMMITTEE MEANING OF "ALL STATES" FORMULA AND HE WOULD SAY IT UNWORKABLE (SEE USUN 4396). UK INSISTED THAT IT BETTER NOT TO ASK STAVROPOULOS BECAUSE ANSWER NOT CERTAIN. PRIVATELY, UK TOLD DELOFF THAT JOHN SCOTT OF SECRETARIAT THOUGHT WALDHEIM MIGHT PREVENT STAVROPOULOS FROM TAKING HIS USUAL POSITION.

3. WEO GROUP THEN BRIEFLY CONSIDERED STRATEGY FOR UP-COMING TERRORISM ITEM. VAN BRUSSELIN (BELGIUM) REPORTED ON "GOOD AUTHORITY" THAT IT PROBABLE, IF NOT CERTAIN, THAT ARAB GROUP INTENDS TO USE TERRORISM ITEM AS OPPORTUNITY TO EMBARK ON MIDDLE EAST DEBATE. VAN BRUSSELIN ALSO REPORTED THAT ARAB GROUP AS WELL AS ISRAEL COULD AGREE ON KILLING AD HOC COMMITTEE. FINALLY VAN BRUSSELIN HAD HEARD THAT THERE POSSIBILITY OF RESOLUTION ASKING UN OR UN AGENCIES TO WORK ON SOME SPECIFIC ASPECT OF TERRORISM, E.G., LETTER BOMBS, HOSTAGES. VAN BRUSSELIN MADE CLEAR THIS NOT HIS IDEA AND BELGIAN INITIATIVE WOULD NOT BE REVIVED THIS GA; HE THOUGHT WORKING ON THESE TOPICS BAD IDEA IF IN CONTEXT OF MIDDLE EAST DEBATE. IRELWND REP SAID HIS SOUNDINGS LAST WEEK TO SOME EXTENT CONFIRMED VAN BRUSSELIN REPORT.

4. GENERAL SENTIMENT WAS MIDDLE EAST DEBATE UNDESIRABLE UNDER TERRORISM ITEM, BUT LITTLE COULD BE DONE TO PREVENT IT AND BEST TO MINIMIZE DAMAGES. MOST SEEMED READY TO ACCEPT DEATH OF AD HOC COMMITTEE, PARTICULARLY IF BLAME COULD BE PLACED ON OTHERS. MOST ALSO SEEMED DESIROUS OF KEEPING TERRORISM ON AGENDA FOR NEXT GA WITH HOPE OF TAKING INITIATIVE WHEN PROSPECT FOR POSITIVE ACTION COULD BE MORE PROPITIOUS. BELGIUM, E.G., COULD RECONSIDER ITS HOSTAGE INITIATIVE. HOWEVER, FRANCE AND TURKEY TEND TO THINK IT DESIRABLE TO CONTINUE AD HOC COMMITTEE.
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